



## COVERING LAOS: 'YOU CAN'T BELIEVE A THING---'

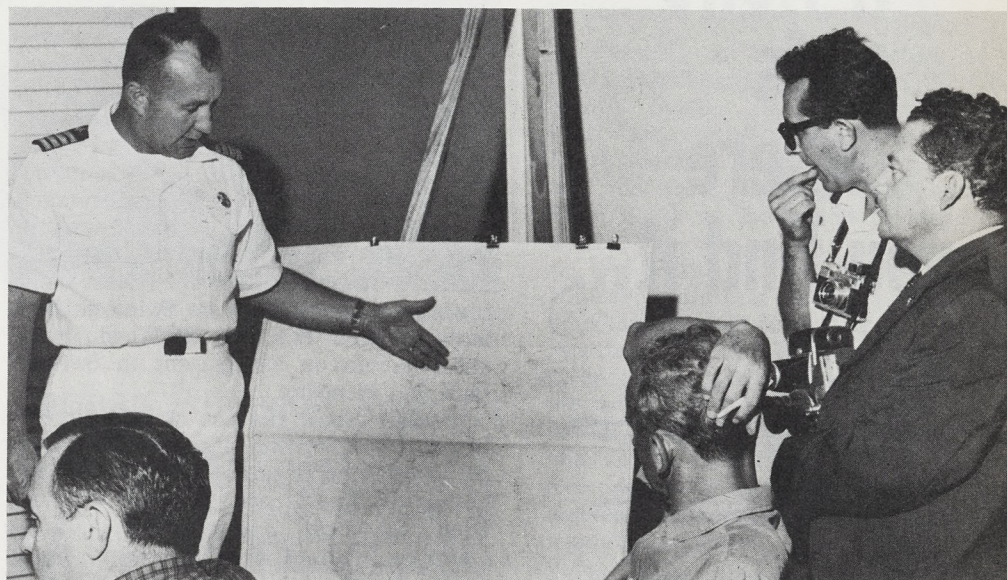
by Roy Essoyan

The main problem in covering the civil war in Laos is that you can't believe anything you hear, from official reports of Communist "invasion" to opposition reports that the Laotian capital has fallen.

"Invasion" reports panicked the West New Year's Eve and led to a real invasion — of foreign correspondents.

This happens frequently. The result: Laos' biggest export item is words. It collected \$250,000 in cable tolls last year.

Military information in Laos is so exuberantly imaginative that to check it  
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Capt. Edward R. Hunt, asst. chief of staff of operations, Caribbean Sea Frontier, briefs newsmen on Santa Maria course at San Juan Naval Station. In foreground (left to right) Andy Tully, Scripps-Howard; Milt Sosin, Miami News; Michel Alexis, Time-Life; and Angel Seda, local TV cameraman. (Photo courtesy AP's Hal Valentine)

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## CALENDAR

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**Sun., Feb. 5 — Special Sunday Smorgasbord:** Smorgasbord will be served in the bar from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Bar will be open from 1:00-8:00 p.m.

**Tues., Feb. 7 — Open House:** Progress in Brazil — two films by Govt. Trade Bureau, with Hans Wissing, on the vast development centering around the new capital city, Brasilia. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

**Thurs., Feb. 9 — Reception-Cocktail Party for Axel Springer,** publisher of numerous German periodicals and newspapers, who is in the U.S. to attend the American-German Conference in Washington, Feb. 16-19. Time: 5:00 p.m. (See page 3).

**Fri., Feb. 10 — Mon., Feb. 13 — College Editor's Conference:** "Pressure Point on the News Frontier." Panel discussions Saturday and Sunday for college editors. (See page 4)

**Tues., Feb. 14 — Regional Dinner:** New Orleans Mardi Gras. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Member and one guest. Reservations, please.

**Fri., Feb. 24 — Special Dinner:** Maine Lobster Night. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

## 'Maria' Presses Nerves and Budgets

by Charles Taylor, UPI

RECIFE, BRAZIL, Jan. 31. — New President Janio Quadros inaugurated Brazil today. But press couldn't care less.

Attention of foreign and Brazilian press and more than 200 newsmen who poured in here from all parts of the world centered on histrionic former Portuguese Captain Henrique Galvao who captured Portuguese liner Santa Maria and took 600 passengers on unscheduled cruise.

As Quadros took oath in the interior capital of Brasilia, world press representatives sat in the northeastern city of Recife waiting to learn whether Galvao intended to release captive passengers following negotiations with U.S. Navy Adm. Allen Smith.

Newsmen covered thousands of miles and news mediums spent millions pinning down Galvao a few miles outside the Brazilian territorial waters of Recife.

The entire cost and the mileage covered by press will probably never be computed, but news agencies flew in staffs equivalent in number to those that covered Eisenhower's overseas tours.

Galvao's dramatic gesture was responsible for the first radio pictures ever transmitted out of Recife by UPI and AP.

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## DOROTHY THOMPSON DIES

Dorothy Thompson died in Lisbon last Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the age of 66. The veteran columnist and foreign correspondent had retired from newspaper work in 1958. (See article about Miss Thompson by Vincent Sheean next week).

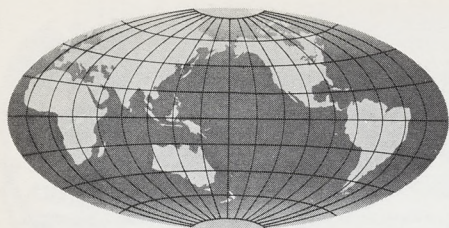
## MURROW NAMED USIA CHIEF

Edward R. Murrow has been named by Pres. Kennedy as head of the United States Information Agency.

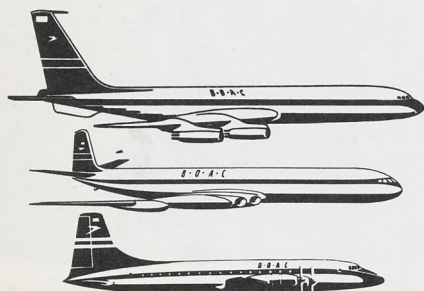
## JOHN DAY QUILTS CBS NEWS

John F. Day, OPC vice pres, resigned his job as CBS vice pres. for news last Tuesday, Jan. 31, stating that his position had become intolerable since the network decided over a month ago to reorganize its news department.





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.....Edited by CHARLES KLENSCH.....

**PARIS**.....from **BERN REDMONT**  
**Cornelius Ryan** in Paris for a few months to work with Darryl Zanuck on the film to be made from his best-selling 'The Longest Day'....**Fleur Cowles** here for the publication in French of her latest book on Salvador Dali....**Curtis Prendergast**, TimeLife buochief, convalescing after minor surgery....**Gordon Ackerman**, TimeLife, back from 3-week US trip....

**David Schoenbrun**, CBS, has launched new 10-minute daily world news roundup from Paris. David gave farewell party for **Lou Cioffi**, who is moving to CBS-Washington....**Henry Giniger**, NYTimes, mending broken leg suffered on Swiss ski holiday....**Milton Bracker**, NYTimes, made short jaunts on assignment in Switzerland and Germany....

**Lucie Noel**, fashion writer for NY-HerTrib Euro edition, elected life honorary dir of Fashion Group of Paris, which she helped to found and of which she had been the first 2-term pres....**Jackie Laird** — wife of Stephen Laird, Radio Press Intl — publishing novel, 'End of Innocence' on a fgn corr as seen by three women.

**RIO**.....from **ED BUTLER**

**Bill Williamson**, Brazil Herald/ gen mgr, elected pres of the Rio OPC Chapt Jan 18; **Lou Stein**, UPI, elected veep; this AP corr staying on as secy-treas. Williamson succeeds **Tad Szulc**, NYTimes, who leaves in April to become dipl corr in Washington. Stein succeeds **Joseph F. Brown**, Brazil Herald. Luncheon guest at the election meeting was USAmb John Moors Cabot.

Honorary OPCer **Herbert Moses**, pres of the Brazilian Press Assn, came along with **James Canel**, InterAmerican Press Assn and ex-UP. **Paul Bethel**, USIA-Miami, was also a guest....

AP fgn news analyst **William L. Ryan** through here on his 'round-the-continent tour. Ryan went into poverty-stricken NE and to Sao Paulo. Other recent visitors: **David R. Richardson**, USN&WR-BAires, and **Bertram B. Johansson**, ChriSciMon LatAm ed....

Most of the local fgn presscorps headed for Brasilia Jan 31 for inauguration of Janio Quadros. Big headache: mud or dust; poor communications; overcrowded hotels. Signed up for the struggle: Stein, Szulc, **George de Carvalho**, Time, and this corr.

**TAIPEI**.....from **GERALDINE FITCH**

The Roy Howards were guests of the Chiangs during a 3-day visit to Taiwan. They also talked with many top ofcls and

lunched with USAmb & Mrs Drumwright....

Coming and going: Al Kaff, UPI-Manila, here to welcome Roy Howard...Frank Owen, who has his Owen Press Buo in London...Chester Morrison and Frank Bouman, Look...UPI's Bob Miller, formerly stationed here, now enroute to Tokyo post from Manila...Coming from hospital and going home is Dr George A. Fitch of Tamkang Coll of Arts&Sci and husband of your corr.

**HONGKONG**.....from **AP**

AP's **Roy Essoyan** — who has spent only three weeks at his base here in the past four months — was elected pres of the Hongkong Corrs Club during a year-end week at home with wife Betsy and family.

Other new ofers for 1961: veep, **Vitaly Sacharenko**, AFP buochief; treas, **Anthony Lawrence**, BBC; secy, **Takashi Oka**, ChriSciMon. The HKCC committee also includes **Sudhakar Bhat**, Times of India; **Stanley Karnow**, Time; **Scot Leavitt**, Life; **Jacques Nevard**, NYTimes.

**WASHINGTON**.....from **JESSIE STEARNS**

Pres Kennedy dropped in 'informally' to pay his dues (\$90) and to greet the Ntl Press Club's new pres, John Patrick Cosgrove, Sat night (Jan 29). Kennedy recalled that he had been a newspaperman himself before going into politics — and then added he hoped that in making the change he had raised the standards of both professions....

The first Kennedy pressconf drew capacity attendance. **Pierre Salinger**, Kennedy's press secy, holds news briefings daily except Sunday at 11 am and 4:30 pm....

**Edwin B. Haakinson**, AP; **Cecil Holland**, WashStar, and **Robert A. Barr**, Fairchild, have been elected members of the standing committee of Congr Corrs.

**PANAMA**.....from **RALPH SKINNER**

This special corr of the ChriSciMon, currently in Balboa Heights, would like to report that on a recent dry-season day six Jeeps made it over the road into Panama from Costa Rica along the proposed route of the Inter-American highway.

Streams must be forded and there is rough going — but it can be made. Was stuck, in a Jeep, in a 3-ft-deep mudhole while exploring along the Panama-Costa Rica border.

Editor This Week Is: Ben Zwerling  
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DE GAULLE AND ALGERIA, subject of the Jan. 26 Book Night, was discussed by (seated, front) Alden Hatch; Joe Kraft; (standing, rear) Moderator Hal Lehrman; Frank White; Abdelkadir Chanderli; and Edgar S. Furniss, Jr.

## BOOK NIGHT PANELISTS ARGUE ALGERIAN CRISIS

The frustrations of the Algerian question were thrashed out in a spirited Book Night on Jan. 26, but the speakers at the OPC agreed only on stalemate.

Edgar S. Furniss, Jr., of Princeton University, author of 'France: Troubled Ally,' said that Pres. de Gaulle is following a path all his own, and is making the attainment of his goal more difficult than it need be. He criticized the manner in which the American press has covered the Algerian problem. "It vacillates between respect for and fear of what de Gaulle does," he said.

Alden Hatch, author of 'The De Gaulle Nobody Knows' and a staunch supporter of the French president, referred to him as "a great mystic, yet a realist—the greatest living exponent of brinkmanship." Blame for the fact that peace has not yet been attained in Algeria, according to Hatch, lies with the extremists on both sides, not with de Gaulle.

Panel participants included Joe Kraft, OPC award-winner for reporting in Algeria; Frank White, assistant manager of *Time-Life International* in Paris, and Abdelkadir Chanderli, Algerian F.L.N. representative in the U.S. Both Kraft and White voiced the opinion that de Gaulle is no closer to a solution in Algeria than he was in 1958. Moderator Hal Lehrman suggested, on the other hand, that de Gaulle was at least trying to secure from all the Algerian people a decision by free referendum on their ultimate destiny. Chanderli, contending that the F.L.N. is the spokesman of the Algerian masses, said he would agree to a free vote provided it were supervised by joint teams, one of which would be the French Army.

## German Publisher Springer Will Be OPC Guest Feb. 9

A reception-cocktail party will be given at the Clubhouse on Thurs., Feb. 9 for Alex Springer, publisher of *Berliner Illustrierte*, *Die Welt*, *Welt am Sonntag*, *Hamburger Abendblatt*, *Bild*, *Bild am Sonntag*, *Hoer Zu*, *Kristall* and *Das Neue Blatt*.

Springer is in the U.S. to attend the American-German Conference at Washington from Feb. 16-19. Subject of the conference will be "East-West Tension: Present Status and Future Development."

According to *The London Economist*, Nov. 19, 1960 issue, "the name Springer comes up sooner or later these days at any conference in Germany of persons interested in cultivating public opinion."

## FOUR HAITIAN EXILES HIT DUVALIER REGIME

U.S. aid was blamed for the continuing in power of Haitian "dictator" Dr. Francois Duvalier, according to four prominent Haitian exiles. Speaking as OPC Open House guests on Jan. 31, leaders of two of the opposition parties said that U.S. guns, money and Marines are being employed by President Duvalier to suppress basic freedoms.

Painting an ominous picture of the Caribbean "paradise in chains", ABC's Arnold Snyder, panel moderator, said that "such torture and brutality exists in Haiti today...not until Duvalier falls will the world know how many have met their death at the hands of his secret police."

Max Bolte, former Haitian Defense Minister, said that Duvalier applies propaganda methods to U.S. foreign aid. He reported that the President broadcasts three times daily to the nation pointing out what the U.S. Government is doing for Haiti and his regime. He added that communism is a definite danger in Haiti and accused the present foreign minister and two cabinet members of extreme communist sympathies.

In spite of worsening conditions — student strikes, the church and increasing poverty — there are no visible signs of Duvalier's immediate fall, according to Luc Fouché, former Haitian Ambassador to the U.S. and UN. He said that thousands of technically-skilled Haitians are seeking refuge abroad, leaving Haiti in the hands of incompetents.

Emile St. Lot, former Haitian Senator, suggested that the OAS charter be revised to permit foreign intervention in countries obviously ruled by "ruthless dictators."

...George Natanson



HAITIAN POLITICAL SITUATION was discussed at the Jan. 31 Open House by (left to right) Emile St. Lot, leader of the National Progressive Party, former President of Haitian Senate and former Ambassador to the UN; Luc Fouché, former Haitian Ambassador to the U.S. and UN; Arnold Snyder, ABC News and producer of 'News Around the World'; Max Bolte, former Haitian Minister of National Defense and Interior; and Gaston Jumelle, Nationalist party leader and ex-senator.





COLLEGE EDITORS CONFERENCE COMMITTEE plans final details for next weekend when 125 college and university editors will hear panels of OPC members discuss news frontiers at the Clubhouse. Seated above (left to right) Madeline D. Ross, Ruth Hagy Brod, Anita Diamant Berke and Jean Baer. Standing (l.to r.) Art Foley, Royan Choukanoff, Mary Johnson Tweedy and George Natanson.

## COLLEGE EDITORS MEETING SET FOR FEB. 10-13

The OPC Clubhouse is preparing for the third annual influx of college editors, due here for the College Editors Conference next weekend, Feb. 10-13, on "Pressure Points on the News Frontier".

Forty OPC members and such notables as *Averell Harriman*, G. Mennen Williams, Edward F. Kennedy and John D. Rockefeller IV will participate in the discussions that will cover the world's crisis areas.

The theme will be developed through a series of area seminars scheduled all day Saturday. Most OPCers involved in the conference will be panel members for the seminars.

In addition, members *W. Averell Harriman*, America's only Ambassador-at-Large, *Bob Considine* of the Hearst Headline Service and Mrs. Enid A. Haupt, editor and publisher of *Seventeen* magazine, will address luncheon and dinner meetings.

Other speakers will be Edward F. Kennedy, the President's brother, John L. Steele, chief Washington bureau of Time-Inc., John D. Rockefeller IV, former Gov. G. Mennen Williams, new Asst. Secy of State for African Affairs, and Rep. Henry S. Reuss (Dem.-Wis.), author of the enabling legislation for study of a Youth Corps.

Considine will address the Saturday dinner meeting and Rockefeller the Saturday luncheon.

Here is the schedule:

Fri., Feb. 10, 7:30 — OPC reception welcoming delegates.

Fri., after reception: "The Student in International Affairs, the Journalist in International Affairs." Panel with *Edward W. Barrett*, Columbia School of Journalism, *William C. Payette*, asst

gent news mgr, UPI, *James A. Wechsler*, editor of *New York Post*, *John Day*, OPC v.p., moderator.

Saturday panel discussions will be:

**Sub-Sahara Africa** (morning session) *James Sheldon*, chairman, Sir Andrew Cohen, UK rep. on UN Trusteeship Council and Louis Rakotomalala, ambassador of Magsaysay Republic to UN. Hon. S. A. Oti, counsellor, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to UN. 10:00-12:30.

**Sub-Sahara Africa** (afternoon session) *Marguerite Cartwright*, correspondent and member, Provisional Council, University of Nigeria; *Sanford Griffith*, Director of African Study Center, New School; *James T. Harris*, Secy-genl, Institute of Public Administration and Law — Republic of the Congo; *George Houser*, exec dir, American Committee on Africa; *Helen Jean Rogers*, producer, Documentaries on Africa, ABC and *Arthur Reef*, Barnett and Reef. 2:30-4:30.

**Algeria**: (morning) *Hal Lehrman*, chairman M. Zouhir Chelli, Tunisian representative to the UN; Achkar Marof, charge d'affaires of the UN Mission of Guiana; H.E. the Ambassador of Gabon to the UN, *Joseph N'Goua*; Col. *William K. Rice*, economic analyst and former aide to Gen. *James Doolittle* in N. Africa; *Mohamed Sahnoun*, asst. dir. Algerian Front of National Liberation; *Max Dorian*, L'Agence Economique et Financiere; and Prof. *Charles Rieger*, Columbia.

**Algeria**: (afternoon) *Samuel L. Blumenfeld*, editor of *Grosset and Dunlap's Universal Library*; *Dickie Meyer Chappelle*; *Gene Farmer*, foreign editor of *Life* magazine; *Joseph Kraft*; *Ansel E. Talbert*, OPC v.p.; and *Leon Keshishian*, UN correspondent for UAR, Tunisian and Moroccan papers.

**Far East Panel**: Co-chairman *Stanley*

## Grauer Names Committee For Annual Awards Dinner

Committee members who will work on the 22nd Annual Awards Dinner and Dance were announced this week by *Ben Grauer*, dinner committee chairman.

Grauer also said that full details of the gala affair — including date, place and scale of ticket prices — will be made known next week when final arrangements have been made.

Committee members include:

*William H. Baldwin, Jr.*, *Anita Diamant Berke*, *Robert Black*, *Larry Blochman*, *Bob Considine*, *Douglas Downs*, *Angier Biddle Duke*, *Chester Kronfeld*.

Also, *Arch Hancock*, *Lee K. Jaffe*, *Florence Jones*, *Josephine Lyons*, *Bill McAndrews*, *Adele Gutman Nathan*, *Al Perlmutter*, *Inez Robb*, *Madeline Ross*, *Bill Safire*, *Dave Shefrin*, *Pat Sullivan*, *Myra Waldo* and *Ed Wergerles*.

*Swinton*, director World Services Division, AP — morning session; and *Frank Gibney*, *Life* editorial staff — afternoon session. Panelists: *Arnold C. Backman*, *Alpheus Jessup*, *US News & World Report*; *Richard J. H. Johnston*, *NY Times*; *Henry R. Lieberman*, *NY Times*; *John Rockefeller IV*; *Dan Kurzman*, *Scripps-Howard Newspaper alliance*; and *Mary Johnson Tweedy*, *Time, Inc.*

**Latin America**: *William P. Gray*, editor *International Editions*, *Life* magazine, chairman; *Sam Pope Brewer*, *NY Times*; Mr. *Lee Hall*, *Time-Life* broadcasting division; *Wilson* and *Lee Hall*, NBC news commentators; *Hal Lavine*, chief Latin American correspondent, *Newsweek*; *Herbert Matthews*, editorial board, *NY Times*; *Louis Messolonghitis*, asst. to editor *King Features*; *George Natanson*; *Joseph Newman*, chief UN bureau, *Herald Tribune*; and *Morris Rosenberg*, *World Services* news editor, AP.

**The USSR**: (morning) *Henry Cassidy*, radio news analyst. (Afternoon) — *Kathleen McLaughlin*, UN bureau, *NY Times*. Panelists: *Abe Goldberg*; *Mary Hornaday*, *Christian Science Monitor*; *Priscilla Johnson*; *Louis P. Lochner*; *Joseph Michaels*; *Harry Schwartz*, *NY Times* Soviet specialist; *Boris Shub*, Policy advisor, *Radio Liberty*; and *Howard J. Sochurek*, *Life*.

Presentation of OPC awards for the best college daily and weekly will be during the Sunday luncheon with the reports of Saturday's seminars.

Club members are asked to yield Clubhouse privileges, except in the bar, during weekend on behalf of their college editor guests. Presently a purely educational function of the OPC, it is hoped by chairman *Ruth Hagy Brod* and vice chairman *Madeline D. Ross* that the new quarters will permit attendance of all members.



## COVERING LAOS (Cont. from page 1)



Newsman steals the seal.... saves the day.

out you end up participating in the civil war, just reporting it.

Western military attaches line up for first-hand fill-ins every time AP's irrepressible photographer *Fred Waters* roars back into the town after capturing another Laotian city.

At dawn one day last month, 12 hours before Vientiane fell, the British Ambassador told me on the basis of a Reuter report that attacking government forces had captured the last rebel strongpoints at Vientiane Airport. I had stood on the roof of my hotel watching government forces still shelling the airport only half an hour earlier, but the only way to knock the premature report was to chase out for myself.

A good mile from the airport I ran smack into a rebel tank, its guns pointed straight down the road at me.

The tank captain was nice about it. He did not shoot me.

Ten hours later I could report the tank captured because *Waters*, NBC's Grant Wolfkill, *NY Times'* Jim Wilde and I were aboard the tank that captured it. It was not all for glory. It was the safest place to be and still be in at the kill.

Thatom, another government base, was prematurely reported captured. We disproved that report by flying in on a rented beaver, lunching on cocoanuts with the major in command, and taking off with a pretty Laotian refugee who so overloaded the light plane that it nearly crashed taking off from the 500-yard pasture runway.

A fellow newsman added to the thrills of scraping the jagged 6,000-foot mountain peaks by practically setting the plane afire with a careless cigarette.

The recurring problem in covering Laos is censorship. Censors are available 3 to 4 hours out of 24. The rest of the time you have to track them down, from tennis courts to night clubs.

The situation became critical when former Premier Souvanna Phouma fled

## Jungle Stairwell Exhibit

Jungle survival in the Strategic Air Command is the subject of the Feb. stairwell exhibit at the Clubhouse. *Sid Latham*, veteran *True* magazine photographer, shot the pictures on an expedition to the Everglades.

Latham spent 8 days in the Florida swamp with members of a SAC survival team, living completely in the rough and simulating actual conditions of a crash in the jungle without supplies. Their diet for this supercharged version of roughing it included wild boar, hearts of palmetto and just about anything edible in that rugged country.

the country last month. He was the royal censor then.

The telegraph office would clear no copy without his royal seal.

A correspondent who shall remain nameless saved the day. He sneaked into the palace in the confusion of the premier's flight, stole the royal seal and for several days merrily approved his own copy and that of a few chosen friends.

Censorship is off at the moment. The new censors gave up in despair. One way or another copy was getting out.

There are thousands of other problems in Laos, like the lack of telephones, rumors, 18 to 24-hour transmission lags, rumors, food, heat, cold, plumbing and rumors....

## OPCers ON THE WING VIA CHARTER TRAVEL

Reservations coming in assure the first Charter Flight in our Club's history. Inasmuch as this is OPC's initial charter event, the Committee in charge and the Board of Trustees hope to make this project a memorable success.

Members who take advantage of the flight will go on a PanAm DC7C which leaves New York for Paris Fri., May 19, and will be getting an unusual bargain—first class food, free bar service and other amenities, all with tourist seat conformation. A PanAm bus will take all passengers from the airfield to Paris, keeping the group a comfortable and relaxed entity.

The committee considers this flight an excellent opportunity to go on a holiday with a sizeable group of Club members. It will afford the chance to meet Paris OPCers at a cocktail party on May 22.

Checks for \$275 (the price of the round trip — plane returns from London June 18) should be made out to the Club at once. This price is far less than a round trip economy fare with none of the advantages OPC offers.

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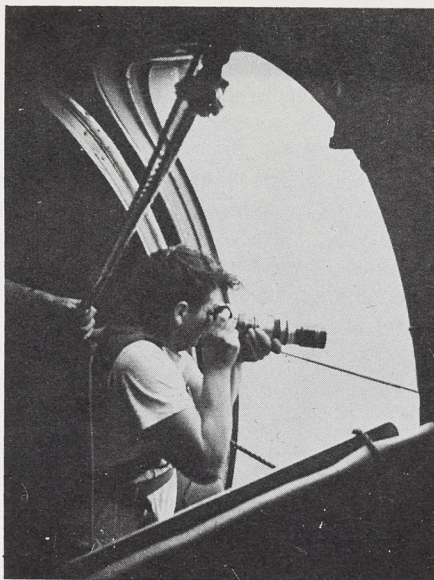
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## 'MARIA' (Continued from page 1)



William Sauro, UPI, made the first aerial views of Santa Maria on Jan. 26.

Tokyo papers flew in three Japanese staffers to Brazil. Grand Hotel, where most reporters are billeted, veritably vibrated with rumors.

Frenchies jumped parachuters aboard Santa Maria.

Presidential inauguration day headlines in Recife's two leading papers said "High Seas Conference This Morning" and "Smith, Galvao Discuss Transfer of Passengers."

### Early Santa Maria Pursuers, Newsmen Invade Puerto Rico

by Horst Buchholz

SAN JUAN, P.R., Jan. 28 — The fantastic capture of a band of armed men of the Portugese luxury liner Santa Maria in the old Caribbean pirate waters brought newsmen from 4 nations to San Juan this week.

The full scope of Portugese rebel Capt. Henrique Malta Galvao's hijacking of the vessel didn't become clear until a week ago Monday, a full day after Galvao commandeered the ship in what he termed the first step in the overthrow of Portugese dictator Antonio Salazar.

The story spread like wildfire after Canadian Press first broke it. U.S. Navy tracking operations were directed from San Juan Naval Station (Caribbean Sea Frontier headquarters). A few newsmen arrived, but the big invasion didn't start until the Santa Maria was found and asked to make port in San Juan.

Andy Tully, Scripps-Howard; Saul Pett, AP; Charles Taylor, UPI; Paul Slade, cameraman, and Irv Rappaport, *Paris Match*, led the pack in. They were quickly followed by Ernest Leiser, CBS; Bill Emerson, *Newsweek*; Ronnie Batchelor, Reuters; Ken Smiley, *London*

*Daily Mirror*; and Geoffrey Thursby, *London Daily Express*.

All wanted to go out on a plane to cover the story on the scene, more than 1,000 miles away. Cmdr. Charles Rainey, Naval Station PIO, could only arrange for 4 seats. A pool was set up, Pett drawing the lot as the only writer in the group; local man Clem Littauer grabbed a camera to get newsreels for the newsworks; UPI photographer Frank Beatty, to take stills; and Gay Spencer, a *Miami News* photographer got the fourth spot. The only other one to get out by the week's end was cameraman Herb Schwartz, CBS.

The *NY Times'* Max Frankel came in from Dominican Republic assignment. AP's Florida photo editor Hal Valentine followed (but shortly moved on to Trinidad when it appeared that the liner was heading there).

From Canada came Hyman Solomon, *Toronto Daily Star*, and Robert McDonald *Toronto Telegram*.

There was not a single Portugese newsmen in town.

*Time-Life* sent down a team made up of Joe Scherschel, Henry Suydan and Bill Ray. They joined local *Time* reporter Alex Maldonado.

Also in on the operation were Milt Sosin, *Miami News*; and Dave Bringham, Miami, covering for Storer Broadcasting.

In addition there were local correspondents, this *Bulletin* reporter who was left alone to cover for AP after Pett left; UPI's Roy Brown and Juan Luis Marques; Reuter's Ernesto Sanchez Ortiz; and representatives for the local papers.

At week's end the daily briefings began getting hotter and when it was indicated on Friday that the Santa Maria most likely would head for a Brazilian port, the Navy, after much shouting, got a plane up. But late Saturday disgruntled newsmen still found themselves in San Juan after Brazil had grounded U.S. planes tracking the liner. And the Santa Maria affair began shifting to other datelines.

(If it hadn't been for the Miramar Charterhouse Hotel opening just 2 weeks ago, few of the visitors would have had a room).

After the liner refused to go to San Juan and appeared heading south on a course that could have taken it either to Africa or South America, about half of the newsmen were left. Those behind were pretty tired after staying up all night Friday waiting to get on a plane that never left.

Waiting for a late Saturday briefing, which was made long distance by radio telephone to Norfolk, Va., Atlantic Fleet hq, most felt that the story had definitely shifted dateline and prepared to leave. The liner seemed to be heading for Brazil, and San Juan learned about it by way of Norfolk, Rio, and Recife.



## PEOPLE & PLACES

"Greenwich Village Sunday", a new short by **Stewart Wilinsky**, CBS, opened with "Don Quixote" Jan. 20 at the 55th St. Playhouse....

**TRAVELING:** **Dave Forbert** just back from 2-month photographic swing through So. America where he covered 7 countries.... **Hans Wallenberg** just returned from Berlin where he contributed to the rebirth of the world-renowned Berlin Illustrirte, in a special issue devoted to the divided city of Berlin which is being distributed to 180,000 Americans in a first Eng. language version.... **Maurice Adams**, Australia's Sydney Morning Herald U.S. & UN corr, is off on a 2-week U. of Virginia-sponsored lecture tour of the Old Dominion, starting Feb. 13. This follows a swing of the Milwaukee-Oshkosh area for lectures & a TV appearance for Foreign Policy Assn-World Affairs Council.... **A. Wilfred May** back in NY after Wash. inauguration coverage....

**PUBLICATIONS:** **Lester Velie** has an article on Venezuelan Pres. Betancourt in Feb. Reader's Digest. Issue also has a Cleveland college financing piece by **Clarence Hall** & some of **Bennett Cerf's** limericks.... **Ed Hymoff** had an article on super-secret U.S. Army Map Service in Jan. Pageant.

**NUPTIALS:** **Richard Thomas** recently married Louisiana belle Virginia Castleton. After a brief Bermuda honeymoon between Richard's lectures, they took a 5-week Caribbean cruise — with 5 days in Cuba after U.S. Break in diplomatic relations. The Cubans, forgetting the "war," were Latin-ly gracious to the honeymooners.

**NEW POSITIONS:** **David W. Berlyn** has been named news mgr, NY buo, for Broadcasting mag. He joined Broadcasting in 1949 as reporter in Washington, moved to NY buo in '54 where he's been serving as associate ed.... **Paul Mocsanyi**, former art critic of UPI & member of New School art faculty, has been named dir of exhibitions & discussions in the new Art Center of the New School for Social Research, NY.... **Tom Marvel** was appointed to head general promotions of The Taylor Wine Co., of Hammondsport, N.Y.... **Leo Miller**, who heads Leo Miller Assoc. in Westport, Conn., has been named Fairfield County PR aide to Congressman Abner W. Sibal.... **Robert I. Queen**, former night copy & headline ed. of Journal of Commerce, was named managing ed., Radio-TV Daily.... **Publicity man Jerry Edelberg** has joined Wm. J. Donoghue Assoc., as acct exec on the World's Fair (effective Feb. 6)

**RADIO-TV:** **Eldon Griffiths**, News-week corr (NY) took part in WOR's internat'l b'cast "Special Report" Jan. 21. **John Scott** served as moderator for

## Bridge Bidding Likened To Speaking a Language

"Bidding a bridge hand is analogous to speaking a language," according to B. Jay Becker, King Features columnist who spoke at a special Clubhouse bridge-night program Jan. 27. "Successful bidding, therefore, depends on the effectiveness with which messages are sent and received."

Although Mr. Becker confined his remarks primarily to opening bids, he answered numerous questions pertaining to other aspects of the game. "The Roman Blackwood System devised by the Italians — if used properly — is superior to American Blackwood," he asserted. "The reason is that the Italian System permits a respondee not only to specify the number of aces he holds, but also to pinpoint the suits containing these aces."

When asked to discuss opening leads, Mr. Becker replied with a smile: "I'm still studying them — and expect to be 100 years from now."

### Dining Room Schedule

On Thurs., Feb. 9, part of the main dining room will be occupied by the Society of Magazine Writers, Inc. Members planning to have dinner then will be served at one end of the room.

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the round table.... **John Wilhelm** was interviewed last Sunday on his new "Guide to the Caribbean Islands" book (McGraw-Hill) on Victor Gilbert's WLAD b'cast from Stonehenge in Ridgefield, Conn.

**LECTURES:** **Barrett McGurn**, NY-HerTrib-Rome, addressed the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for Italy on Jan. 31 & will speak before the American (Men's) Club of Rome on Feb. 9.

**AWARDS:** Dept. of Army citation (plus \$350 cash award) went to **Reavis O'Neal, Jr.** for "outstanding and sustained superior performance" as chief of info for Army Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.... **A PR program** directed by **John LaCerta**, Philadelphia PR counsel, has won 1st prize in a nat'l contest conducted by the Soc. of Industrial Realtors.

**Marilyn Silverstone's** pix of Tibetan Refugees are among those being currently shown in the exhibit "Chapter of Our Times," at the Pepsi-Cola exhibition hall, 500 Park Ave. Marilyn is now in India.

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